

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## The Church of God Wins in Gigantic Struggle

The Long and Hard Fought Legal Battle Culminated in a Favorable Decision for the Church of God as Represented by Its Legal Constituted Officials, F. J. Lee, General Overseer, J. S. Llewellyn, Editor and Publisher, T. S. Payne, Supt. of Education, Composing the Executive Council, Trustees, Board of Twelve and Seventy Elders, the Ministry and Membership of Said Church.

Read carefully the following memorandum for decree delivered by Chancellor T. L. Stewart at Cleveland, Tenn., Wednesday, April 15, 1925. This is published hurriedly for the information of thousands who are waiting to know the outcome of this litigation.

This is a great victory in favor of the true spirit of theocracy and against one-man autocratic rule. Henceforth the True God must have supreme control:

"Upon bill, amendments thereto, cross-bill, answers, demurrers, proof, exhibits and the whole record.

"The bill was filed to enjoin defendants, Tomlinson, et al., from doing certain things to be in violation of complainants' rights to define the status and rights of certificate holders and provide for the payment thereof; to recover from defendants, Tomlinson, et al., all sums of money that come to his hands for which he has not accounted, and by amendment for decree declaring complainants, owners of property involved free from claims of defendants; that complainants are the true and only original Church and by second amendment, that the complainants or church are voluntary association, etc.

"Defendants, Tomlinson and three others, answer and say complainants are not and do not represent the true church nor the assembly as originally intended; that they have departed from the true and original faith and practices and beliefs of the church, etc.; deny that A. J. Tomlinson has misappropriated any funds belonging to the church, or that he is indebted to complainants or the church in any amount.

"They deny misrepresentations, fraud or deceit; deny that they are in any way liable to certificate holders, but allege that the same are obligations against church property or property of assembly; admit that they have established a separate and distinct church or organization, which they aver is the true church.

"The certificate holders answer and ask for decree, and that same be declared a lien on the property of complainants or against defendant, A. J. Tomlinson.

"A cross-bill, filed by numerous parties, claiming to represent certain of the congregations or churches (not named or set out), and denying that complainants are the true church; neither are they authorized to represent the same, but that the complainants have departed from the true faith of the church and have organized a new faith and church and assembly; and pray for decree declaring that cross-complainants are the true church and for possession of the property; for monies received and rents against the cross-defendants; for damages, etc., and for cancellation of mortgage alleging that complainants had been removed and had withdrawn from the church.

"Cross defendants deny withdrawal from church or any changes in the tenets or teachings of the church; or the doctrines thereof; deny cross-complainants' right to possession of property and deny all the alle-

gations of cross-bill, and deny their right to maintain said cross-bill.

"There is a great volume of testimony. The storm center of the controversy is the constitution, which was adopted by the assembly in 1921.

"The schism or factional differences I think, was precipitated by the action of the assembly, in 1922, which relieved the overseer of the church of parts of his duties and selected an editor and publisher and a superintendent of education; accelerated perhaps by investigation of the accounts of A. J. Tomlinson, the former head of the church, and who had been receiving and disbursing the funds of the church and assembly.

"In the outset, it is well for it to be understood that we are not attempting to adjudicate the rights of any person to the religious belief or practice. Neither is this court to determine the truth or falsity of the doctrines promulgated by either of the parties.

"There is less difficulty when there is an avowed purpose to divert property to another denomination or to the support of a system of doctrines radically opposed to the characteristic and distinctive doctrines of the original church or society, than where there is a mere difference as to doctrines or policy. It is often a delicate, as well as a difficult question to determine whether the general principle laid down in Watson—Vs—Jones 13, Wall (U. S.) 679: (20 L. Ed. 666), governing civil courts in the determination of questions in relation to civil or property rights arising out of schisms or divisions within independent or congregational bodies or churches when no express trust is involved.

"The case of Mack vs. Kime, 129 Ga., 1, 24, L. R. A. (U. S.) 688, defines the dividing line between cases where the action of the majority is binding on civil courts, and cases where civil courts will interfere to prevent the diversion of property from implied trusts.

"If, says the court in that case, the question should arise as to what is the doctrine of the church, and the difference should be such as it is manifest there could be doubt as to what was the true doctrine, and the church tribunal, constituted according to customs and usages of the church, should decide these differences, civil courts will not interfere with the judgment of this tribunal determining doctrinal differences between members of the congregation."

"The courts of this country have never evinced a disposition to determine for religious bodies, ecclesiastical or doctrinal questions, and authority is abundant that civil courts have no power to determine such questions, and they will only invade that domain, and will only inquire into such questions, when it is necessary to determine property rights, and then only so far as necessary to determine those rights. Tennessee has given its adjudication to this rule and doctrine.

"Was there a radical and fundamental departure from the characteristic doctrines of the church? I think that such

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### REPORT OF REVIVAL AND CONVENTION IN BAHAMAS

Vivian Haworth

After visiting several of the churches in Florida, and enjoying some wonderful blessings from the Lord, as well as the kindness of many old and new friends—

We left our home "America" The land we love so well; And crossed the deep Atlantic waves, Our Saviour's love to tell.

We, Bro. F. J. Lee, Brother L. C. Chambers and wife, Sister Hagewood and I boarded the Miami steamship March 13, and sailed for Nassau, N. P. Bahamas. We had a very nice journey across, and the first sight of the city was equal to our imaginations of Jerusalem. The high rock walls, white paved streets, carriages or hacks used quite a bit for taxi service, donkeys and small wagons, people driving to the left instead of the right, odd houses, old English vaults and many other things that could be mentioned made us feel almost like we were in dreamland. Of course they have quite a few cars and I must say some beautiful homes also.

The scenery along the beach is very pretty, and it is very interesting to see the harbor where so many boats land. Many tourists visit this city from our country. It is also of interest to see the vegetables, etc., brought to the market that are shipped from different islands and the States.

We were taken in a car to Brother Padgett's home. We found him sick. He was very much surprised to see us with Brother Lee, but said he was very glad to have our assistance in the meeting. We had a good prayer shortly after arriving, and our hearts were touched when Bro. Padgett prayed. We were made to more fully realize the sacrifice this dear man of God is making, and how faithful he has been, and is, to the work on the islands. I will say here, the people surely appreciate him and his work.

Oh, that we could and would do more to help the work over there. Much could be done for the Lord on the islands by sacrifice of more "money" and time. My prayer is that God will help all of us to do more. We had revival services several nights before the convention and at night through the convention. The dear saints gave us a hearty welcome and the Lord was with us from the beginning.

There were 2 reclaimed. One of these was Bro. S. B. Pender who was once a minister in the Church of God. He and his family were so nice to take us home from church in his car, and gave us many nice things to eat. Sister Hagewood and I had the pleasure of staying in their home almost a week. We are wishing God's richest blessings on them, and hope Bro. Pender will prove a great blessing to the work there. Three received the Holy Ghost; two were saved and sanctified. This was during revival and convention.

The saints were very much encouraged, and many nice people who never seemed interested before, remarked how they enjoyed the services and confessed that this is the Bible way. I am sure many good seed were sown by Brother Lee's preaching, and it was enjoyed by all.

The convention began Thursday, Mar. 26, 7:00 p. m. Bro. Lee played the mandolin, Sister Hagewood the autoharp and I

the guitar. We sang our songs some, but surely enjoyed hearing the natives sing. It is impossible to give full details of this convention, but I will give only a few notes. I am sure everyone will be glad to get only an idea of same.

Thursday—7:00 p. m. Song, Don't You Want To Sing. 7:30, Welcome address by Bro. Milton Padgett. 8:00, Sermon, Coming of the Lord, by Bro. Lee. The welcome address indeed made everyone feel welcome and free in the Lord. The sermon made us see the importance of being ready to meet the Lord. The hearts of the sinners were touched; an altar call was then given. One saved and sanctified.

Friday—10:30 a. m. Report by Bro. Will Franks. The Lord is blessing the faithful ones in Abaco Island. They are holding on. Says he is much encouraged since this visit to Nassau meeting. Some faithful ones at Blackwood and Green Turtle Bay. Good Sunday school at Coopers Town and several members. He expects God to work and bring in many souls.

Report by Bro. Roker, of Acklin Island. He said Jesus encouraged him to go on. That is the reason he built a church on the island. Nothing sweeter to him than sanctification. He was there to learn more so he could be a blessing to the church. Said he enjoyed hearing Bro. Lee so well that he asked the Lord to help him listen better. Said he wanted to visit churches as the apostles did. A very good church and Sunday school there. He is determined to go on.

Song—God Holds the Future in His Hands. 11:00—Sermon, The Need of the Hour, by Bro. Will Franks. Theme, Cleave to God. As he thought of conditions of things to-day, he thought of this subject. He spoke of Adam, Samuel and Solomon, how they failed to cleave to the Lord. He said we must feel that we are servants of the Lord and cleave to Him as obedient servants. He then spoke of how he was determined to cleave to God even as Noah cleaved to Him. "Noah was persecuted for building the ark but held on and he and his family were delivered from the flood because of cleaving to the Lord. Abraham was driven out from his kindred. His purpose was to cleave to God. God told him to offer his son, he was willing to obey God and the angel was sent to keep him from killing him when God saw he would cleave to Him.

Joseph was exalted from prisoner to governor because he cleaved to the Lord. Others were Daniel, delivered from the lion's den, and the three from the "fiery excursion" who were determined not to bow to the image. If we cleave to God He will tip us with bank account at the end. God has promised to take us through if we cleave to Him. Better to cleave to Him and obtain a heavenly mansion than riches of this earth."

Prayer—Bro. Jarret. Song—To the Work.

Noon. 2:00 p. m. Songs and stringed music. Testimony service led by Sister Major. She told how Jesus had helped her through trials. Said the meeting had helped her so much and she appreciated having Bro. Lee there. Said she praised God for Bro.

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### Victory! Victory!

F. J. Lee

"O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm hath gotten him the victory."

This Scripture verse speaks the sentiment of hundreds of hearts at this time. "His right hand, and his holy arm" surely brought the victory.

There have been many sad hearts during the past few months, sad because of the friction that has existed, sad because of having to stand on opposite sides to our best friends, sad because of having to take a firm stand against friends, not so much against individuals but the wrong perpetrated by them.

There have been thousands of prayers in the past few months that God would vindicate the right. Many prayed through and felt perfectly confident that God had really come to the help of His people. We heard several express this several months ago.

The prayer room at the Evangel office has been the battleground for more than a year each morning at 8:30 in defense of the right against the wrong. Surely God's holy arm has gotten Him the victory. "Him the victory." It isn't so much that we have gained the victory, but it was "Him", the Lord.

We feel sure that the Lord has directed the mind of the Chancellor in giving forth a true and unbiased decision.

Many of the officials of the Church of God after viewing the face of the judge and learning of his good official record, felt that they were not afraid to leave the case in his hand.

At about 10 o'clock this morning, Wednesday, April 15, the judge rendered the decision which is absolutely favorable to the Church of God.

Why shouldn't we rejoice? Not that we want to tread any one down, but that we want to lift a high head and tread a victorious tread to greater things in the Lord.

After the announcement from the judge the office force laid aside everything and again climbed the steps, not to beg God to intervene, but to thank Him and to weep for joy because He had intervened, after which we all sang "All hail the power of Jesus' name."

Again we want to say, that we are not rejoicing because some one is defeated, but because we feel that the Church of God shall now rise higher than ever before.

#### You Are Yet a Member

Some one asked us why we retained the names of all the churches in our minutes. I will now state the reason. The Assembly gave orders in past sessions that no church should withdraw as a whole, so even though some had thought of withdrawing we had no right to announce that this special church was no more a member of the Assembly. We have retained them like good parents retain parentage over a wayward boy or girl who had left home, and like a tender loving parent we want to announce that the latch string still hangs on the outside and that any precious son or daughter may return to fellowship by a little pull of the string.

Now as to individuals I feel sure that many precious ones thought they were doing right by going the route they did, but we haven't any rebuke for them, we have sympathized with them and even prayed often that God would lead the

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### Love One Another With a Pure Heart

Love Is An Element That Should Be Possessed by Every Child of God.

H. N. Scoggins

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." St. John 13:35.

Love is an element that should be possessed by every child of God, and it is certain that our success as a Christian depends more on this one thing than any other. Paul, in his writings to the Church of God at Corinth speaks very definitely in regard to the necessity of charity or love, and makes it clear that if we are great in other ways, and understand all mysteries, and have all knowledge, and have all faith, and though we give all our goods to feed the poor, and give our bodies to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth us nothing.

In St. John 14:23, Jesus says, "If a man love me he will keep my words." Now these words of Jesus get us in a strait when we say we love Him, and fail to observe or keep His words. If we love Jesus, we will also love our brother, and not only our brother in the Lord, but we will love the sinners, and will have a desire to see them saved.

John says, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" And our love for each other must be manifested in a way that the world can see that we love each other. Jesus said to His disciples, Ye are the salt of the earth, and we know salt has a saving power, and is no good if it loses its savour, and so it is with us if we lose our influence we are not worth much in the service of the Lord.

Our lives as Christians is to play an important part in the salvation of the lost, and they are certainly watching our daily walk, and our conversation, and our every act. And for us as a body of Christians to have the influence we should and must co-operate with each other, and each one perform his duty faithfully.

The ministers should not fail to declare the whole counsel of God, and his congregation should respond to every discourse. The Bible says, He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, so if the minister is true to his calling he will preach the Gospel in its fullness which includes justification, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, divine healing, tithing and giving, and if his congregation responds as they should, they will not be satisfied without the full blessings, and they will trust the Lord for healing, and will practice tithing and giving. But if the minister preaches these truths as he should, and his congregation fails to obey the teachings, the world is bound to see it, and it will lessen the influence of the church.

If a pastor loves the cause of the Lord, and his flock he is going to tell them the truth, even if they do not respond as they should. He should, "warn the unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men." 1 Thess. 5:14. And on the other hand every member of the church should if possible be at their place in the service, ready to sing, ready to

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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We take this method of notifying all of our local churches that we now have printed and in our bindery the long looked for **MODEL CHURCH RECORD BOOK**. This book is printed in blank and very conveniently arranged to assist the church clerk and treasurer to keep an accurate record of the local church. The first part is arranged for the membership record. This part of it is so arranged that a brief history of each individual member may be accurately kept from the date received until their death. The second part is arranged for the **MINUTE RECORD**, and ample space for the clerk to write the minutes of each regular or call conference. The third part of the book is conveniently arranged for the financial record. One of the most helpful features of this book is found in the first part, which is the general instructions. This feature is highly commended by those in authority, and I am sure will be appreciated by every pastor and church clerk. The price is in easy reach of all the churches. Attractive board cover \$1.50, good paper cover \$1.00.

We are delighted with the interest that a great number of our ministers and workers are taking in the sale of our publications and taking subscriptions to the **CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL**. While I extend to them my hearty congratulations for the noble service that they have rendered, permit me to extend a special invitation to others who have not yet become active along this line to immediately take up the general interest of the church in its various departments. If all of our ministers and workers should become immediately active and continue, the results would be far beyond our imagination. Will you join the company of successful workers for the Lord and His Church by introducing our publications, soliciting subscriptions and renewals to the **CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL**, taking up special offerings for the payment and maintenance of the **CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME**.

The Sunday services at the Church of God Auditorium was very interesting and instructive. F. J. Lee, the General Overseer, preached the special Easter sermon at 11:00 a. m. The message was very appropriate to the occasion and very highly appreciated by the audience. The special Easter program was rendered at night to the satisfaction of a large congregation. The pastor, S. W. Latimer, was the conductor of the program.

**KARBERS RIDGE, Ill.**—Brother Tom Tyree writes, "I want to praise the Lord for what He is doing for us. We had a good service the Lord blessed and the power fell on all. Brothers C. E. Johnson, and W. V. Summers gave out the Word straight. I was almost a complete backslider when Bro. Johnson came to my rescue. I praise Him for healing power when we get sick the Lord heals us. Bless His name. I want the saints to pray that the Lord may have His way with me."

**KILMICHAEL, Miss.**—Sister Bertha Fox writes, "I praise the Lord for the Holy Ghost, great healing power and because I am an overcomer. The children pray for me when I get sick. Have been wonderfully healed."

## NOTICES

To the Christian People Everywhere:

On the 26th day of April will you please fast and pray for my wife to be healed of all her diseases. She is trusting Jesus with her body looking to Him to heal her. We believe with the united prayers of the saints in her behalf that she will be healed. Remember the day, April 26.—Marshall Osteen.

The District Convention will convene at Campaign, Tenn., April 24-26, with E. L. Simmons, state overseer in charge. We want a large attendance from each church on the district.

Come! The church is within one hundred yards of the railroad station. Everybody come expecting a good time.—Walter L. Hindmon, district overseer.

Brother J. M. Medley, of Wills-point, Texas, Route 2, wishes to know the whereabouts of H. C. Pole. Last heard of at Wolf City, Texas.

I am a true-blue Church of God evangelist and I desire a place to labor for lost souls. Any one interested please write me. I will go anywhere duty calls me.—J. W. DuBose, 307 W. President St., Savannah, Ga.

We are expecting to begin a revival meeting at Manatee, Fla., on April 29. Everybody invited. Come praying and help us enjoy a feast from the Lord.—H. B. Simmons and wife in charge.

E. W. Anderson, of Fork Ridge, Tenn., wishes to know the address of Rev. W. H. Hyatt. Last heard of at Pittsburg, Ky.

A sister from Sweetwater, Tenn., sent a handkerchief to be anointed and failed to give her name. Will return the handkerchief if we can get her address.

Sister Annie Harrington has straightened up and came back into the church and we are glad to have her—Lawrence R. Opper, clerk, Columbus, Ga.

### TO CHURCHES IN ARKANSAS

If there are any members of the Church of God at the following places, will you kindly communicate with me at once: Fair Oaks, Paragould, Pangburn, Scotland or Cleveland, Wynne, Union Grove or Datto, Truman.—J. M. Viney, overseer of Arkansas, Box 108, Haynes, Ark.

## Inspiring Testimonies

**DUNCAN, S. C.**—Mrs. Alice Morgan writes, "I want to praise God for ever saving me from a life of sin and sanctifying me with the precious blood of Jesus and filling me with the Holy Ghost. There is no Church of God here and I get so sad and lonely that it seems I can't hardly go any further. I hear the Saviour's voice say, 'press on and I will take care of you.' I praise Him for His healing power. Pray that I may ever be ready to do the will of my Father at all times."

**VALDOSTA, Ga.**—Fannie Mae Gardner writes, "I want to praise God for salvation in my soul. I am now sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues. The devil is after us here but by the help of the Lord I mean to stand true."

**TATE, Ga.**—Maggie Parker writes, "I write a few words to the Evangel which I love so well. I enjoy reading it and it is food to my soul. We need the gospel preached here. We would be glad to have some Church of God preacher come to this place and break the bread of life to many hungry souls. I want to do more in the future than I have in the past."

**QUINTON, Ala.**—Lizzie McCaskill writes, "Praise God because I am still saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and living the life. I mean to go through and do more for the Lord this year than ever before. Any one having a tent for sale please write me. Route 3, Box 38."

**GASTONIA, N. C.**—Mrs. S. J. Glenn writes, "I want to praise the Lord through the Evangel for what He has done for me. I have the blessing and feel like traveling on. We have a good band of saints at this place and we all like our pastor, Bro. Snyder. The work moving on fine. Also a good Sunday school. Pray that I may do His will."

**ACKERMAN, Miss.**—Mrs. Venie Wood writes, "I praise the Lord for what He is to me. I have been in this way four years next July and feel like traveling on this narrow way. I never started to turn back and by the help of the Lord I mean to go all the way. I trust Him with both soul and body. We have no church close by but have services in our home when we can get a preacher. We lived near Drew in 1922 and would be glad to hear from the saints there."

**KILMICHAEL, Miss.**—Sister Bertha Fox writes, "I praise the Lord for the Holy Ghost, great healing power and because I am an overcomer. The children pray for me when I get sick. Have been wonderfully healed."

**WIDENER, Ark.**—Willie Martin writes, "I praise the Lord for saving me three years ago and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. Wife and I have been added to the grand old Church of God and have a happy home."

We have a little band of saints here and we want every Evangel reader to pray for the little church at this place. If any preacher feels led of the Lord to come we will give him a hearty welcome. I am trusting the Lord for the healing of my body."

**JOHNSON CITY, Ill.**—Ora Branson writes, "I am praising God for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I am determined to hold out by the help of the Lord and make heaven my home. I desire the prayers of the saints."

**RAVENNA, Ky.**—C. Deenigan writes, "I want to praise the Lord for what He has done for me. Am praising Him for the dear old Church of God and the way He is blessing at Ravenna. I visited my mother who is 63 years of age and she had smoked 33 years. The Lord wonderfully saved her while I was there and she threw away her tobacco and my heart was made to rejoice to see my dear old mother clapping her hands and praising the Lord. Pray for me that I may hold up the blood-stained banner of Jesus and live a life unspotted from the world."

**BANKSTON, Ala.**—L. J. Potts writes, "I want to praise the Lord for the love He has shed abroad in my heart. Eight years ago He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I did not live as close to the Lord as I should and backslid. When the Lord took me back I promised Him I would serve Him all the days of my life. I have a greater determination to do more for the Lord this year than ever before."

I am a young minister, the Lord called me to preach the gospel and I would like to get out in the work of the Lord. I am a young man and if you need help in a meeting or would like to have me to travel with you in the work, write me.—L. J. Potts, Route 2, Bankston, Ala.

**KARBERS RIDGE, Ill.**—Brother C. E. Johnson writes, "I praise God for the precious blessings He has bestowed upon my pathway and praising Him for the wonderful services we have been having at Honey Comb Rock church and KARBERS RIDGE, Ill. The power of the Lord came down and there was shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. Our pastor, Bro. Summers was present and delivered a good sermon for which we give God all the praise."

## The Mission Work

Mission Work Controlled by Men Only.

F. J. Lee

We have just arrived in Cleveland from a trip to Nassau N. P. Bahamas.

On arriving in Nassau we found dear Brother Padgett very sick and was expecting to return to his home in Miami, but after praying for him a few times he was able to be up and enter the battle with us.

I will not attempt to make a detailed report of the work as Sister Vivian Haworth has already sent a report of the convention.

The people of the Islands greatly appreciate Brother Padgett, they cry when he leaves them and rejoice when he returns.

The Church of God should appreciate Brother Padgett for he has almost given his life two or three times for the cause on these islands.

Brother Padgett has been and is yet a real Church of God missionary. He was appointed and sent out by the Church, he has stood true during all the tribulation that has ever arisen in her ranks, though he was far from home God kept him in perfect rest and undisturbed.

Brother Padgett is the first and only missionary sent out by the Church of God until recent years, it is true that some ran before they were sent then thought to monopolize all money intended for the foreign missionary field, but the thing didn't work.

Solomon makes the statement, "In the multitude of counsellors there is safety."

The interest of the Church of God is not safe without these counsellors, this has been thoroughly demonstrated at other times; this is why the real Church of God years ago unanimously appointed what is now termed the Elder's Council, which was approved by the Holy Ghost. The real Church of God has never disapproved of this appointment and still retains the councils of the twelve and seventy for the sole purpose that God's Word has designed that it should be, and that is to safeguard the interest of the Church.

**Safeguarding**  
This Elder's Council authorized J. S. Llewellyn to make certain investigations of a certain missionary work and that he should send no more Church of God money until it was proven on a real solid basis for the Church of God. This is just some more safeguarding which I am sure that the Church of God everywhere should be thankful.

Also at the last Assembly, Brother E. E. Simmons and wife were appointed as missionaries to Jamaica. Let us keep in mind that he is sent forth by the Assembly not on his own will and accord but in accord with the Assembly or the whole church standing with or back of him.

We believe the work will thrive under the management of these men of God. Brother Simmons' wife isn't to have control of the work in Jamaica and the surrounding islands, but she is only a co-laborer, Brother Simmons of course having charge.

We want to adhere strictly to the Word where it suffers not a woman to usurp authority, but rather to be in subjection, this will always insure the interest being safeguarded. So I want to assure the churches in general that this has been the thought of the Elder's Council, in taking the steps they have in the last few months.

I want to insist that all the churches show themselves loyal to the orders of the Assembly by taking the regular missionary offering and forwarding the same to Headquarters that the mission work may be taken care of.

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING IN ILLINOIS

A Holy Convocation of the ministers and members of the Churches of God of Illinois will be held at Sesser, Illinois, April 21-23, 1925. All who can come are expected to be present. Visitors are welcome.—G. A. Fore, state overseer.

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pray, ready to testify, and ready to pray for the pastor while he delivers the message. And the pastor will render much better service if he has the hearty support and co-operation of every member, and the influence of the church as a soul saving station will be greater. Jesus in His prayer in the 17th chapter of St. John, and the 21st verse prays thus: That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." So in spite of opposition and every device of Satan, we can convince the world that we are the disciples of the Lord by having love one to another, and we can convince the world that God sent Jesus to save the lost by being one in Him.

There are several links of fellowship taught in the Word of God, and let us not be short on any of them. We should be gathered together, framed together, builded together, joined together, knit together, striving together, and then at last we will be caught up together, where we will ever be with the Lord.

### I AM ON MY WAY TO GLORY

**PARIS, Texas.**—The state overseer, Bro. Johnson, Baldrice and wife, and the Chessers boys have just closed a 31-days' meeting at this place and God has surely blest.

I am really praising God for His goodness and mercy to me. O, it is wonderful to live for Jesus. It makes my heart rejoice to think about His coming back to earth again to catch away His waiting bride. I want to be ready and be among the number don't you?

I am praising God for ever picking me up out of this world of sin and placing my feet on higher ground. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. My whole desire is to go all the way with Jesus and do His blessed will and learn more about Him. I intend

## BROTHER WILLIAMS AND WIFE BUILDING UP WORK IN NEW FIELD

**CHERRY, Tenn.**—I feel like it my duty to write a few lines to the little paper which we all love so well. We are glad when it comes into our home and thank God for it. We always find it full of glad tidings.

I am glad we can report victory at this place. We are having some good services all the time and we certainly do thank the Lord for sending Brother G. Williams and wife to this place. We love them. We feel that great good has been accomplished since they came. They are so faithful in the Sunday school work and all the services. We know they are doing their best to build up the work here and we can see a great improvement since they came, so may the Lord bless them is our prayer.

We are trying to build a house in which to worship, though it looks like we are getting along so slow. One man has given us the lot to build on, for which we are thankful. All who read this pray that the Lord will open the way and furnish the means for us to go ahead with the building so that we will have a place for worship. We would be glad of a place if only a shed. Pray for us and the church here at this place.—A. L. Griffin.

### THE SAINTS ENCOURAGED TO PRESS ON

**SPARTA, Tenn.**—Just closed a two weeks' meeting at Black Oak with very good success. Two reclaimed, one saved, and one received the Holy Ghost. The meeting was conducted by Bro. Bob Grissam and writer. Bro. T. F. Bryant visited us and our district overseer Brother Hindmon came and delivered a good sermon which encouraged and edified the believers. We are anxious to get our new house completed so we can have our next service in it which will be Easter.—J. M. Hash, pastor.

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I want the prayers of the Christian people that I may ever stand true to my Master and be a soul winner for Jesus.—Pearl Emerson.

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## REPORT OF REVIVAL AND CONVENTION IN BAHAMAS

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Padgett's faithful labors on the islands.

Prayer, song, What a Friend We Have in Jesus.

Report from Cat Island by Sister Lillian Pender. Her membership is at this church but she lives quite a distance from there and does not attend regular. The last time she was there they were still pressing on.

3:00 p. m.—Sermon, Unity and Fellowship, by Bro. L. C. Chambers. "I feel it is good to be here. When we have the love of Jesus, we have unity. We must have love and unity to go through. We can be overcomers by His help. There was strife between Abraham and Lot's herdsmen. Abraham prayed and tried to keep strife down. That is the way we should do when contentious spirits arise; put them down."

"Lot got into trouble but Abraham was victorious because he kept his eyes on God. It is so good to have love and unity. I believe there are some here who have love and fellowship. I am determined to go on and walk in the light."

Song—Blest Be the Tie That Binds.

Short talk by Sister Miller. This was her first convention to attend. She praised the Lord for starting her in this way and promised Him she would go where He wanted her to go. She felt the call to come to Bahama Islands. It was hard for her to leave home but she wants to bring at least one soul to Christ this year. Said the Word has been food to her soul while here.

Concert prayer for work on Islands.

4:00 p. m. Adjourned.

7:00 p. m.—Songs and music on stringed instruments. Prayer. Testimony service led by writer who sang, Will the Circle Be Unbroken.

Letter of "Greetings to Convention" from Bro. LaFleur was read.

8:15 Sermon, Escape These Things, by Bro. Lee. He told of signs of the soon coming of Jesus. A very impressive sermon for people to be ready.

Saturday—Songs and prayer. 10:30 a. m. Report from Turks and Cacas Islands by Sister Fritz. Said she was glad to see Bro. Lee. Reports good revival there, and a good Bible school. Old and young are interested. While her husband is away working in Florida, she feels the Lord wants her to work for Him there.

Business. Sent forth two evangelists and other business attended to.

10:45 Sermon—Faith, by Bro. Roker. He told how he was led to serve the Lord. Sang, Won't You Come to Jesus and Be Saved. He told how people could win the victory by having faith. He said, "We have the apostles as our example. They had faith and endured to the end. We are on higher ground, we have the Holy Ghost to help us and we need not fear. I stand for the high standard."

11:40 Song, My Faith Looks Up To Thee.

Adjourned.

2:00 p. m. Songs. Prayer by Bro. W. V. Weech.

2:15 Address, Work on the Islands by Brother Padgett. He says, "I came here in 1914 and found 3 churches. Was here a short while and organized a church. Some left the church and some came back. I did not get discouraged and the work is still going on."

The Lord is blessing. Much could be done on these islands, but money is too scarce. We haven't enough money for the work already started and of course cannot start new work. No need to go into details about the need, one word is sufficient on the islands—money. Could establish many other churches, but no money to keep up the pastors. Several evangelists here who could be sent out, but no support. Very few on the islands able to bury their dead. We have started a church treasury here for burial of some. Very little rain on Crooked Island last year. That made it hard on them.

Most Americans throw away as much as some have here for one meal. One man at Green Turtle Cay ate one meal a day; would catch a fish sometimes. A woman on Turks Island said

she used to cry when she got hungry, but since she got salvation she praises the Lord. Since some are going to Florida they are learning to farm. Could raise more here if they knew more about it." One minister there said the tithes of the church for one month was about \$2.00. Bro. Padgett said he had not heard any one wire pulling to come to the islands. It is a sacrifice indeed.

2:45 Song, The Homeland.

Sermon by Bro. Jarret. He endorsed Bro. Padgett's talk. "Grit, grace and green-back are needed to carry on the gospel. God is calling people to labor here. People visit here and say, 'If I could only help, I would do more.' As the songs says, 'Our Heavenly Father Knows All Our Needs,' He will supply them in His own good time. It means something to follow Jesus. To be sanctified is more than a notion. When we appear before Him it will be glorious to be like Him. All heart aches will vanish away."

3:40 Song, O, I Want To See Him. Adjourned.

7:00 p. m.—Songs, prayers and music. Prayer by Sister Kelley.

Testimony service led by Bro. Franks.

8:00 Sermon, Overcomers, by Bro. Lee. Rev. 21:6-7. He spoke of drinking of the fountain of living water. He said, "When we drink of this fountain we are refreshed. It is flowing free. Jer. 2:13. Some do not enjoy this fountain because they wandered away from God as the Children of Israel. The cistern that holds water represents the children of God who are faithful and have the fountain of living water flowing freely."

The Church of God is the pillar and ground of truth and the Word of God goes forth from her. May the Lord help people to get under the fountain and receive the Holy Ghost. If the sinners do not drink of this fountain and are lost, they will thirst as the rich man, Divies. Not only for water to drink but for water of salvation. Jesus said, "If any man thirst, let him come and drink." Let every one drink of the fountain of the living water.

Sunday—10:00 a. m.—Songs and prayer by Bro. Bivens. Sunday school.

11:00. Song and prayer. Sermon by Bro. Padgett, Tithes. Reading of Scriptures showing that ministers should have support by tithes and not have to labor for support, as this hinders them from consecrating their mind to church work. "Offerings are needed but especially the tithes should be paid by everyone. Ten cents out of every dollar should be given. If every member would pay tithes there would be money for more preachers on the islands and many other places. Many preachers are working for support now on account of scarcity of tithes who should be preaching. I have paid tithes a long time and the Lord blesses me for it."

If you pay tithes and obey God's Word you will have more love. The more you help your preacher, the more you will love him. If the preacher doesn't need it, bring it anyway. God's Word says to, I am determined to obey God's Word and hear Him say 'Welcome' when I enter heaven. I have been coming to Nassau since 1914 and have been faithful in His work and still mean to do my best."

Song—It Wont Do To Hobo Thru and Leave Off Paying Your Tithes, by workers. Adjourned.

2:00 p. m. Songs and prayer. Short talk by Sister Ethel Pender. She told how the Lord had blessed her in many ways. He has so wonderfully supplied her needs since her husband's death and answered her prayers many times when in need. Said she was so glad to be in the Church of God.

Song—Our Heavenly Father Knows.

3:10 Sermon by Sister Marshall. She said, "I was converted 29 years ago. I saw people going on in sin and asked God to give me power to tell them of Jesus. I came to Nassau and heard holiness preached. I first talked against it, but decided to go hear them. My comrades laughed at them, but I became interested and decided to seek for the blessing and received the Holy Ghost. If you

are converted don't sit down there, go on and get sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost."

Other good points.

Song—Amazing Grace.

3:30. Opportunity given for membership. 1 joined, 1 transferred. Adjourned.

7:00 p. m. Song and prayers.

Duet—Pity the Motherless.

Orphanage address by Sister Chambers, continued by Sister Hagewood.

8:00 Sermon, Go Forward, by Sister Hagewood. An exhortation to go forward. Jer. 7:24; Ex. 14:15. A very good subject for the last service of the convention. Daniel's experience as an example also David and the Philistines. Some of the greatest essentials in the spiritual progress is perseverance, meekness, humility, prayerfulness and obedience. Job 17:9, "The righteous also shall HOLD on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger." Also Rom. 2:6 "Who will render to every man according to his deeds; to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life." She closed by an appeal to the unsaved to come, for all things are now ready. A welcome announcement to those having no claim: the wayfarer, the stranger, the beggar, that they might be ready to go to that beautiful land. Altar service. One girl wept her way to Calvary. Adjourned.

The attendance at nights far exceeded the accommodations, the seats and isles being filled, and the street and grounds almost blocked, but the altar attendance in the day not so large.

There were some interesting features in the altar services. At different times sinners from the back made their way to the altar and cried out to God at the last of the altar service.

Our last service was at Fox Hill about five miles from Nassau. Two truck loads were there from Nassau. The house was filled to overflowing. The power fell at the beginning and throughout the service. This was one of our best services. Bro. Padgett led the testimony service. We were first melted to tears and then shouts and praises to God. Bro. Lee preached a very interesting sermon on, Come and See.

Song—Leave You In His Hands.

9:10 Bro. Bevins ordained as bishop.

The General Overseer and workers were asked to come to the front and were given an old time handshake.

We boarded the steamer the next day, Mar. 31. Many friends were at the dock to bid us good-bye. They gave us some nice roses, candy, shells, fruit, and other nice things which were certainly appreciated. It was sad to part but we hope to see them again in heaven if not on this earth. Their kindness will never be forgotten.

We went on the upper deck, played the stringed instruments and sang, Sweet Bye and Bye. Then went to the end of deck and with tear dimmed eyes waved good-bye until out of sight.

We were accompanied by Bro. Padgett, who came to his home here in Miami for a few weeks' vacation.

We are now in a few nights' meeting here in Miami, Fla., and have received a hearty welcome by the pastor, Bro. Perry Haddock, wife and saints. We are expecting the Lord to bless while we are here.

Saints, please pray that we may be a blessing to someone everywhere we go.

## SIX WEEKS' REVIVAL—NINETEEN SAVED

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ill.—We are glad to report victory here at this place. Brother J. W. Milligan, our pastor, came and took charge of the work the 1st of February, and we began a revival Feb. 8, with pastor in charge; continued for four weeks then Sister Dame from Sesser, Ill., came and the meeting continued for two weeks longer. I want to say the Lord was with us from the beginning till it closed.

There were 19 converted, 12 reclaimed, 16 sanctified, 8 received the Holy Ghost and 8 added to the Church of God, others to come in later.—J. L. Cash, clerk.

## The Church of God Wins in Gigantic Struggle

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change or departure must be fundamental; substantially, rather than radical.

"The bill is filed by the Church of God, a corporation—(by amendment, a voluntary association)—by the trustees of the general assembly; the board of elders of the Church of God—(provided for by the general assembly)—the overseer of the church—(provided for by the general assembly)—general secretary and the general assembly of the Churches of God.

"The trustees, the elders and the overseer are creatures, as well as representatives of the general assembly, and therefore represent the church as a whole, or the organized body which is representative of the church as a whole and the assembly, which is representative of the association of all the churches or the collective body of all the churches subscribing to that faith and participating in the form of government created and promulgated by said assembly.

The assembly, according to the proof, interprets the Scripture for all the churches of this creed. All the churches could, and practically, if not all the churches of this denomination attended and participated in the deliberations of the assembly.

"This cause, I think, is easily distinguished from the cause of Scott vs. Tomlinson, et. al., and the cause of Bain vs. Fairbanks, et. al. Each of which were determined by court of civil appeals. In these causes the controversy was congregational and concerning property of a particular congregation of the Church of God; while in this case at bar the controversy broadens and involves the relation of the general assembly to all the churches collectively.

"It is contended that the government of the church is theocratic, that each congregation, rules, controls and governs its own affairs; that the power of the assembly is advisory only; that its authority is judicial and not legislative.

The court is of opinion that it must gather from the proof whether this is true, and must put its own construction and interpretation upon the acts of the assembly to determine whether it acts in a judicial or advisory capacity only.

"From the proof, and especially from the minutes of the assembly on file, the court is of opinion that the acts of the assembly team with legislative proceedings and acts, and are pregnant with matters pertaining to church government. Tithing was discussed in the early assemblies, its teaching advised and at subsequent assemblies its observance became one of the rules of the church, as promulgated by the assembly; although the proof is that it was never enforced.

"Church government was often discussed; matters pertaining to the officers of the assembly; in fact, a general plan of government and church officials, as well as rules and practice for observation of commandments, was from time to time adopted by the assembly, when at the 1921 assembly the constitution was adopted as a culmination of former actions, edicts, recommendations, etc. It was then stated, and I am of opinion that at least by a greater majority there was no intention of a change or deviation materially in the faith or creed of the church.

"This Constitution pertains in the largest measure to the government and not to the creed of the Church.

"It is not for the court to say whether a communicant would be subject to a change of faith and belief by a rule that tithes were obligatory rather than recommended, with the admonition that it was the Bible plan, but rather, I think it is the pertinent question, did the assembly have authority to adopt the same?

"The Constitution purports to 'Set forth the teachings, principles and practices as hereto-

fore interpreted by the General Assembly as further herein provided and for the general welfare of the membership, etc.'

"Its objects and purposes are stated to 'the propagation of the doctrines, principles and practices of the Church of God, as set forth in the New Testament, as interpreted by the legally authorized officials of this organization.' To promulgate rules and regulation to govern the local churches, etc., to search out the Bible plan of government and discipline and interpret same, to provide a general government in which is vested full power and authority to dictate and promulgate rules, etc., to govern the local churches composing said Assembly.

"These provisions are made to apply to the General Assembly and the constituted authority, the Assembly, adopted it in the usual way and manner without objection.—Was not the General Assembly, which is composed of local churches under the guidance of the Holy Spirit just as much so as if they had been in their local church? At any rate all the churches accepted it for more than a year, and even now as shown by the proof a very large number of the local churches still accept and operate under it.

"Looking to the past history and proceedings of the Assembly and considering its organization and relation to the local churches I am of opinion that it was within its rights when it adopted the Constitution, which is more largely governmental.

"In so far as the doctrine of faith of the Church are concerned I do not think there is a radical or fundamental change made or such departure as would be required, especially so since I am of opinion that the Assembly had authority to adopt the Constitution.

"In Bouldin and Alexander, 15 Wall (U. S.) 131 (16 L. Ed. 69). It is said that withdrawal from a church, and uniting with another church, or denomination as a relinquishment of all rights in the church abandoned, etc.

"It is here shown and admitted that defendants, A. J. Tomlinson, et. al., have organized a new church or congregation, which I think is in effect a withdrawal from the original church, or that represented by complainants and I think from the proof of and all inference therefrom that cross complainants are in the same plight.

"The question was made in Hall vs. Hall 177 Ky. 430, that the petition in a suit by a faction of a church for a recovery of the property, etc., was insufficient because it did not aver that complainants and those whom they represented were members of the church at the time of the division and if they became members after that time they were estopped upon the ground that it was a departure from the faith and doctrine adhered to at the time of its organization. Especially if the defendants had been in possession of the Church property and in control of its affairs since the division so that without their action the petitioners could not have become members.

"In addition to the Tennessee cases and cases cited in briefs of counsel and argument the court has considered and applied the rule in Manning vs. Yeager, Ala. (1919) 82 So. 435 Winebrenner vs. Calder 43 Pa. 244, as well as cases cited above.

"If it is the belief and fundamental doctrine to tithing I can see no violence to the faith or creed to incorporate into the Constitution this doctrine since the Constitution is a promulgation of doctrines of the Church. There is no penalty for failure to comply and no compulsion in fact as the proof shows.

"It is referred to as 'man-made.' It is contrived by man—by members of the church and assembly as all other matters pertaining to the government, policy and doctrines of the Church are promulgated by such men, and it is clear from the preamble that its purposes were to propagate and disseminate the doctrines according to the interpretations made by the Assembly and while the Assembly is called the General Assembly of the churches of God it is evident to my mind that it was to be merely a continuation of assemblies as theretofore held and participated in by the churches.

"The complainants have been and remained in possession of the church property, defendants and cross-complainants organized another assembly.

"Much is said of expulsions and removals and counter expulsions and removals. This court cannot review the action of the Church or organizations of the Church upon these matters. It is the universal rule of law that the action of a church in removing or expelling members is final so far as the courts are concerned, whether the same be legal and in persuasive to the Ecclesiastical way or policy of the church.

"The minutes of the assemblies point to the fact that it was necessary and expedient to organize for better work and dissemination of the Church's doctrines. The purposes are evident. It is in proof that some times ministers in one church taught a certain doctrine and another was taught by a minister in another church, creating confusion. It is common since that if there is to be an assembly of all the churches that it must have some method of preserving a uniform creed or doctrine in order that the fundamental faith of the Church would be adhered to and taught to its communicants. This is the office of the Assembly had been fulfilling and was intended to fulfill. Whether the Overseer was to be chosen for a term for life is a matter for that body to determine—as well as such officers as were necessary for the proper conduct of its business.

"The minutes and the Constitution provide for the orderly and proper method of change in the Constitution or any of the acts of the Assembly. All are the creatures of the Assembly and it may change, modify or amend them.

"The official assembly as provided for to give it the largest interpretation could only amend and since it sets with and at same time as the Assembly I think its prerogative is nor could be superior or paramount to the General Assembly. There is no question but that the General Assembly could by its action amend the whole matter.

"Under all the proof the court is of opinion that complainants are entitled to relief.

"The Charter is void for obvious reasons, but I do not think it necessary that this be alleged or proven to entitle complainants to recover.

"The Injunction will remain in force and defendants will use some suffix or prefix to designate their church or organization and Assembly from that represented by complainants.

"The court is of opinion that as to relief against defendant, Tomlinson, he should have credit for all sums used for the Church or any organizations in connections therewith, but I am of opinion that the accounts do not fully show this and for this reason the master will report upon this question, stating an account between the parties from all the proof and additional proof offered.

"The Certificate holders will have decree for the amounts due each respectively against Assembly and officers thereof in their capacity as such and to ascertain this the master will report as to the respective claims. Complainants will be empowered to sell or mortgage the property held by them for the payment of said certificates.

"Let the cross bill be dismissed with cost, incident to the cross bill.

"Other defendants will pay cost of the cause not otherwise adjudged."

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honest hearted ones to the right.

I feel sure that every honest-hearted soul will be glad to listen as we give them the hearty welcome to return. As we stated about the churches the last string is still hanging out.

Those who really love the Lord and the name Church of God cannot afford to be stubborn, and I feel sure that God will direct their minds as He has directed the mind of the Judge.

Doubtless Brother Llewellyn, the editor and publisher, will explain in detail the decree.



## The Lord Loveth A Cheerful Giver

I have a suggestion to place before you and I don't think it will be out of order. Brother L. G. Rouse is in the evangelistic work for the Lord, and he is doing a great work, laboring night and day. He receives handkerchiefs from all parts of the country to be prayed for and anointed. He spends many hours at night writing letters and praying over these handkerchiefs.

Now what I want to bring to your mind is this: Many people who send handkerchiefs do not send postage to have them returned to them, this may seem a small matter but when one is receiving handkerchiefs daily and the expense of returning so many soon counts up. Now this is labor and great labor for the Lord. Brother Rouse is a poor man and has a large family to look after, and needs every penny he can get for he has all in the Lord's work.

I make this suggestion that when you send a handkerchief to him to be anointed enclose stamp for it to be returned and also slip in a piece of money in the envelope. Remember that he does not charge anything for his service but the Bible says the labourer is worthy of his hire, and "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Prov. 19:17. Notice what Luke says: "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom." Luke 6:38.

Brother Rouse has so many calls to go and pray for the sick and many times has not the money to meet his expenses, so if every one that sends a handkerchief will send him a quarter or fifty cents it would not be long until he could fill the calls, and if you will do this I believe there would be more cases of healing, as faith without works is dead. James 2:17-20.—T. J. Meade, Barnabas, W. Va.

### HEALED BEFORE HANDKERCHIEF RETURNS

LENOIR CITY, Tenn.—I want to praise the Lord for what He is to me. How I praise Him for the precious Holy Ghost that abides within my soul just now. I am so glad that I learned to trust Him for both soul and body.

I was suffering severely could not find rest at all. I sent a handkerchief to Cleveland to be prayed over and before it returned I was healed.

I give God all the praise for the many different times I have been healed.

I praise the Lord for the Church of God at this place, for there are some true blue saints here.

Pray for husband and I that we will stay humble.—Dora Thomas.

### EYES RESTORED TO SIGHT

DEEMER, Miss.—I would like to have space in the columns of the Evangel to tell of God's goodness to me.

Oh, I feel so unworthy to mention such a wondrous blessing.

Not very long ago, I wrote Bro. Rouse for prayer and sent a handkerchief to be anointed for my little girl. It seemed that she was going blind, her eyesight left her and she had to stop playing and stay in a dark room.

We had two doctors with her to see if they could tell why her eyes had failed, one did not know and the other said it might be caused from her nerves.

When the letter returned we gathered around her and after we applied the handkerchief and prayed she was healed and had no more trouble with her eyes.

We desire the prayers of all the readers that husband and I may increase in faith, hope and charity. Charity suffereth long and is kind.

Pray that my heart may be led with the love of God.—T. A. Odum.

### BRO. WHIT DENSON FIRST CLASS SINGING TEACHER

Please allow me space in your church paper to express my appreciation of the musical services as teacher of vocal and instrumental music taught by Prof. Whit Denson, Jacksonville, Ala.

Prof. Denson is a true Christian character, an efficient instructor, pleasant demeanor, unassuming but thoughtful in expression. He taught 15 days' session at Boiling Spring academy, entertained the attention of the citizens of the community with an increasing enrollment of pupils who at most devoted their time to musical improvement. We were pleased to have Prof. Denson with us in our community as well as having him teach the school. We wish to commend Prof. Denson to any community desiring a first class teacher of a Christian type, efficient, devoted, conscientious and consecrated in his work and calling. He is a member of the Church of God.

Prof. Denson taught this school in January, 1925, nine miles west of Clayton, Rabun county, Georgia. When last heard from him he was in Florida assisting in revival meetings and teaching music. He is ready and desiring work in his profession of teaching at all times. He writes very beautiful music, and a little book of Special Songs of his selection and writing which admirably shows his talent for song composition. Trusting that Prof. Denson will live for many years to serve in God's musical vineyard for the up-building of the Master's kingdom, is my earnest prayer.—J. C. Howard, Quartz, Ga.

### A CONFESSION

ZELLWOOD, Fla.—To the Church of God Everywhere: I feel thankful for the grace to make confession to the Church of God, which I love so well, and have been a member for six years.

I never intended to break a rule but the enemy slipped in, in a sly way and got me into a grocery store, where I had to handle tobacco, coca-cola and such things that I knew was against the teachings and rules of the Church of God.

The reason I was led into this, I will not explain here for it would take too much time and space, but I want to say to all who read this, Watch and pray lest you enter into temptation.

You know the Word says, that the enemy will come as an angel of light.

Now I want to say that as soon as I went into this business, I lost all joy and have had a hard time getting back, in fact, I have not gotten back to where I want to be, but am now going out of business and take this method of asking the Church of God at large to forgive me and pray for me that I may never become entangled with such again.

I want to do the will of my Father and go all the way with Him.—H. H. Harris.

### THE STATE OVERSEER OF LA. ON THE FIRING LINE

DUNN, La.—I am praising God this evening for victory in my soul and for His blessing to me. He has been a real Saviour, healer and keeper of mine for over nine years. Praising God for the Church of God, its government and power also for our state overseer, Brother G. C. Dunn who has been a blessing to the work in Louisiana this year. He came to the state with his shoulder to the wheel and is pushing the work in Louisiana over the top for Jesus.

The Lord has been with us wonderfully in the meeting just closed here. Bro. Dunn, Brother and Sister Newman in charge. They gave out the Word with much power. Several saved, four sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. Eternity alone will be able to reveal the good that was accomplished. I am sure when they get to glory look around and see the yield of the seed they have sown they will never regret their visit to Louisiana.

Many hungry souls are waiting another feast from the Lord when they stop on their way back to Alabama. Pray for me that I'll be true to Jesus and shine out for Him at all times.—Amanda Fuller.

## TEXAS SAINTS HAVE VICTORY

LUBBOCK, Texas.—While the skies are clear and the wind whistles everywhere I just want to sound a note of praise from away out here on the plains of Texas, where God still has a few true and tried people who are learning fast how to turn the search light of God's love on the devil and make him flee.

We are few in number here since most of the saints have moved to Brownfield but God is still blessing. We have had several cases of flu and pneumonia in these parts but God has given victory thus far. One young lady I will mention was spitting blood and fever was very high when God healed her and she also received the Holy Ghost.

Our state overseer has been out to see us once. We enjoyed having him with us and hope to see him coming back soon, even if a norther did catch him before he got back home.

We truly have the fire of Pentecost out here and want to make 1925 the best year for God and His church and to do this means more faith, love and obedience.

I would be glad to have some one hazzard their life to go with me and help spread the gospel. Pray for us that we may know God's will concerning us, for it is our desire to do all things according to His will.

I accepted Christ about twenty-nine years ago and by making one hundred in deportment, God promoted me to sanctification, the Holy Ghost and the Church of God and am getting anxious to see my Counsellor and King that I have been trusting for these many years.—Mrs. George Leanne.

### HEALED OF CANCER

OKECHOBEE, Fla.—I thank God to-night for His healing power. Mr. B. C. Terrill, of this place, came to church one Sunday night and asked for prayer that God would heal him of cancer. We prayed the prayer of faith and he was healed for which we praise God.

The cancer was on his face but in one week's time it was gone and he testified to God healing him.

There is only a few saints here but thank God we are all standing for the Church of God, expecting Jesus to do great things in this place.

I also want to mention about the Lord healing Sister Hunt's little boy when he drank potash a few months ago. He was very sick when she called for us to pray for him, and many were made to believe in this way when he was healed. Glory to God.—Sadie Chandler.

### WHO ARE YOU WORKING FOR?

We say so many times, "We are working for the Lord." But when it comes to a show down is it not a fact that a great many of us are working more for ourselves than we are for the Lord?

Yesterday I heard of a pastor who had a member in his church that has been sick for three years and this is the second year that brother has been pastor at that place and he has never been to see the sick brother. In the same church there is an old couple, too old and feeble to go to services and just long for their pastor or some one to visit them but all in vain. For days and months they have to stay at home without any one to see them or pray for or with them. Yet their pastor only lives a short distance away and has a car. The church furnishes him a house to live in and pays him over a hundred dollars per month. His only excuse is, "I haven't time." I have to pastor this church and then I hold revivals some (but have had no success) and during the day I work at little jobs which brings me a little more money. I just don't have time. Who are we working for? After all, does it not look like it is more for self than the Lord?—Zeno C. Tharp.

### ENJOYS READING THE GOOD TESTIMONIES IN EVANGEL

EASLEY, S. C.—I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel that brings joy to my heart each week. It does my soul so much good to read the good testimonies of so many that are ready to meet Jesus.

I was lost and going the broad way of destruction. Four years ago the Lord wonderfully saved, sanctified and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost, and added me to the dear old Church of God.

Since that time the enemy has stolen the joy of my salvation and tried to get me to give up but I praise God because He said His grace was sufficient and that He would never leave nor forsake us but would be with us always, even unto the end of the world. I praise Him because the joy is now restored and I feel the love of God burning upon the altar of my heart and am determined by the help and grace of God to stand true till Jesus comes or calls for me.

We have a little band of saints here but not any place to worship. Please pray that God will open up a place and add true blue believers of the whole Bible to our number.

Pray for my husband that God will save, sanctify and baptize him with the Holy Ghost, also that I may keep humble and be willing to do the little things that He would have me do.—Etha Browning.

### THE HOME OF PASTOR OF LINDALE CHURCH OF GOD ENTERED 3D TIME

On the night of March 17, just as the pastor and his wife finished their work for the day and sat down to read, their home was entered for the third time this year. It was not enemies nor burglars, however to carry away our goods, but loving brothers and sisters.

They gave us an awful pounding, not with clubs, but oh, the good things to eat. Our table was soon filled with flour, meal, sugar, potatoes, cabbage, canned goods and other things. This is the second pounding from the precious people here and once from the church at Rome.

We could scarcely refrain from tears when we thought of how they love us. We sang some songs, prayed and rejoiced together. We certainly do love our dear precious people here and at Rome and pray God's richest benediction upon them. "Come again children."—S. J. Heath and wife, Lindale, Ga.

### REVIVAL FIRES BURNING ALL OVER THE STATE OF ARKANSAS NOW

J. M. Viney, overseer STEPROCK, Ark.—We have just closed a week's meeting at the Velvet Ridge church. God began to bless and the result was two received the Holy Ghost; the church built up; every member founded on the rock and perfectly satisfied that it is the Church of God.

We closed the meeting last night with great victory and ten were added to the Church of God, Hallelujah.

The revival fire is burning all over the state of Arkansas, wherever I have been so far.

I left the church at Haynes with 14 seekers at the altar the last Sunday night I was with them.

I am very much encouraged about the work over the state. God is working and I am looking for a good year, though I have my hands full with the churches and behind with my work on account of being sick so long. May God's blessings be upon all.

### PREACHER WANTED IN A NEW FIELD

COFFEYVILLE, Kansas.—I am still saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4 and a member of the Church of God. We have a mission here. There are only a few of us and we are praying that God will send some Spirit-filled man to hold us a revival that souls may be saved and added to the church, so we can have a church set in order here. Every one that reads the Evangel pray that God will bless the work so we can have a church in Coffeyville, Kansas.—J. E. Martin, 202 Sterling St., Coffeyville, Kansas.

### IN MEMORY OF

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

#### SPICER

On March 28, 1925 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Spicer, of Canoe, Ky., and claimed for its victim a dear loving son. He was shot and killed instantly.

We weep not as those who have no hope for all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. He has gone to be with Jesus.

His funeral was conducted by Brother G. L. Russell and the remains were laid to rest in the Spicer cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

It was sad to give him up, But Jesus knew best and took him to rest.

He leaves to mourn his death a father, mother, two brothers and three sisters and a host of relatives and friends. We rejoice in the thought that we shall meet him again in the sweet by and by. We miss him, but are expecting to meet him in heaven where there will be no sad farewells. The earth has lost a precious flower and heaven has gained a jewel.

A precious one from us is gone, A voice we love is still, A place is vacant in our home, That never can be filled.

Oh, Green how we miss you, But we hope again to meet you, On that happy Golden Shore Where partings will be no more. —A FRIEND.

#### DEANS

On Feb. 13, 1925 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister C. H. Deans and claimed their darling child, little Raphord. He was 2 years, 3 months and six days old. He is missed at the table when we go to pray. The morning he was born he went to the table at breakfast and laid his head in his papa's chair and said, "Oh, God." He is missed at Sunday school. He led in the march every Sunday.

Little Raphord was loved by all who knew him. He was a bright little child. We all met in the home and prayed much for him, but God knew best and called for him to come home to be with Him. He was born Feb. 12th about 10 o'clock and died Feb. 13th at 8:30 p. m.

Brother Sam Chery conducted the funeral service. His father and mother and little brother and sister, and his aunt Ella will miss him much. We know our loss is heaven's gain. We want to meet him on the other shore. May God bless the father and mother. Written by a brother in Christ.—W. A. Murray, Middlesex, N. C.

#### EVANS

On March 15, 1925 the death angel visited the home of Mr. J. A. Evans and claimed for its victim a loving wife and mother. She was a devoted Christian and was faithful to the end. She was saved at 14 years of age and several years later she was sanctified and healed of a cancer. A few years later she received the Holy Ghost.

We should not weep as those who have no hope for we feel that she is at rest only waiting and watching for the loved ones left behind.

She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, three daughters, and one son and other relatives and friends. Written by her niece, Rea, N. Dak.

Precious wife and mother thou hast left us,

Yes, for ever more, But we hope again to meet you On that bright and happy shore.

A precious one from us is gone, A voice we loved is stilled, A chair is vacant in our home, That never can be filled.

#### McINTOSH

On March 29, 1925 the death angel visited the home of Mr. James McIntosh, of Canoe, Ky., and took his loving wife, Martha, home to be with Jesus. While she was at a funeral she dropped dead. It was oh so sad to part with her, but the Lord took her home.

Darling husband, I'm gone with Jesus To that home so bright and fair, Where there's everlasting glory, And my soul is happy there.

Children dear, oh, will you meet me, Over on that golden shore? There to shout and sing forever, And shall live forevermore.

—A FRIEND.

#### GORDON

Mrs. Josephine Gordon, of Carmi, Ill., a beloved sister in the Church of God, departed this life March 10, 1925, of paralysis. She was converted when young and later was sanctified and added to the Church of God of which she was a faithful member when death visited her. She often spoke of wanting the Holy Ghost. Although 81 years of age she hardly ever missed a service, and was always up on the platform ready to sing and testify.

She left to mourn her loss 2 daughters, 1 son, 2 sons-in-law, 1 daughter-in-law, 2 grand-children and 3 great-grand-children besides many friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother W. J. Milligan, of Lawrenceville, Ill.

We hope to meet on yonder shore, Where sickness, sorrow and death are no more. —LIZZIE YATES.

#### WEEKS

On March 8, 1925 at 10:00 o'clock p. m., Mrs. M. D. Weeks, of Memphis, Tenn., one of the lovers of the Evangel, passed to life eternal. She was 47 years of age, a loyal Christian worker of the M. E. South. She will be greatly missed by her friends and loved ones, for to know her was to love her.

She was a devoted wife and mother, and of a beautiful Christian character. She leaves a devoted husband, two sons and a daughter, two brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

The funeral service was conducted by Brothers W. F. Acuff and F. M. Leake, present and former pastors, Tuesday evening, March 11, at the Methodist church. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery. Written by her sister, Mrs. Ellen Nelson, Empire, Ala.

#### STEWART

On March 26, 1924 the death angel visited the home of J. R. Stewart and claimed for its victim his loving wife, Lucy Stewart. She was 43 years old. About 4 1/2 years ago she was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the Church of God and has been a loyal member ever since. She bore her suffering with patience and trusted God to the end.

She was loved by all who knew her, but God knew best so amid all the prayers that went up for her she was taken to rest. A shadow over our life is cast, the home is so sad and lonely for her vacant place can never be filled, but still we sorrow not as for those who have no hope, for we feel that she is now at rest with Him above and on that glad morning she will welcome us to that eternal home of peace and love where there will be no more heart aches and sad good-byes. Mrs. Geo. Hayslip, Crockett, Tex.

EAST LYNN, W. Va.—W. M. Dunn writes, "I would love to see this whole community filled with the Church of God Evangelists. It is food to hungry souls that want a Bible experience and a Bible church."

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